

decorations. Two sides contain no inscriptions. One of the other has a small bust figure of Poe about eighteen inches across, and below you read, "Edgar Allan Poe." On the opposite side we find this:

Edgar Allan Poe

Born

January 20, 1809,

Died

October 7, 1849.

Tho he made many mistakes, let us remember that he was human as we are and we should not be too critical. No, rather let us throw the mantle of charity over all that history records of him of an evil nature and remember him as a brother, for the great good he has done to humanity. Peace to his memory.

A. H. LIGHTY.

Baltimore, Md.

Kanemorado Echoes

Returning home from Missouri, I found work as well as some business awaiting me. I at once applied myself to the situation and dispatched matters as quickly as possible, and on the morning of the 16th started for McLouth, Jefferson Co., Kansas to attend the love feast announced for that place. Arrived about 10 A. M. Proceeded to place of business of Brother Bowman and from thence to his pleasant and hospitable home. Being tired I proceeded to take a nap, none of my acquaintances knowing I had arrived, except the family. I was undisturbed.

About 3 P. M. a message came to the R. R. office addressed to Rev. A. J. Hixson demanding my speedy return home if I wished to see my daughter Anna alive. I wired home at once, informing them I would be on the first train; but the train on Sunday the 17th for Kansas City did not arrive until 4 o'clock, P. M. Hence an anxious suspense for twenty-four hours. As best we could we enjoyed the feast with the brethren. The attendance was not large owing to the threatening aspect of the weather. The attendance from a distance was small, but among the visitors was our beloved and highly esteemed Brother H. S. Easlow, of Ottawa, Kansas, who ably served the tables on the occasion—preached for the brethren Sabbath morning. The attendance was good, and attention given to the word preached excellent. Was sorry indeed that we could not remain with them as purposed on leaving home.

Train was on time and at 2 P. M., the morning of the 18th, I arrived in Parsons and was soon at the bedside of my afflicted daughter who at this writing is resting quietly, and we hope for her speedy recovery,—such is life. We know not what an hour may bring forth. "Let us watch unto prayer, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Shall remain at home until the crisis is past before again taking the field. Am waiting patiently to hear something from our district chairman in reference to our coming conference. We should decide at once the time and place of holding it, and arrange a

program of the work. We sincerely hope that the experience of last year may not be repeated.

The way to avoid it is to get at the work and complete it on time; giving every participant ample time for preparation and for arranging for attending the meeting. Shall we have a good attendance? Brethren, shall we have a rousing spiritual conference?

A. J. HIXSON

Roanoke, Va.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will be interested in South West Virginia matters sufficiently to insure, at least, a casual perusal of this letter. We are so far removed, geographically, from the countries of Progressive influence and movement that we seldom come in contact with any of its busy workers, and from that cause, we lose the inspiration that such contact gives. Therefore, we have the more cause for self reliance and for special reliance on the divine support.

Our work thru out the South West is moving forward steadily and solidly, but not specially rapid at this writing. Evangelist, elder J. S. Bowman has been afield since the 1st of May, and his meetings have been successful from the standpoint of the sower. The harvest will come later.

We are prosecuting a vigorous propaganda in Alleghany, Craig, Botetourt, Bedford, Roanoke, Floyd, Montgomery and Pittsylvania counties. Good congregations attend our ministry at all points and we look for material results in the future. We are having a lively demonstration of the doctrine of total depravity in Pittsylvania. The circumstances remind us forcibly of an old sister who was being catechised by her pastor on the doctrines of the church. He asked her what she thought of the doctrine of total depravity. She replied that she thought it was a good doctrine if people would live up to it. It seems that, years ago, before the pro and anti traditioners separated there, money was raised to build a free meeting house. The ground on which it was built was granted by Sister Wood, wife of our elder and the members of the old organization who fell to us in the division were the most liberal contributors. At the time of the division Brother Wood held the key and performed the duties of sexton. After the division he continued in that service and served the German Baptist's faithfully at all their meetings. Threats were repeatedly given out that they were going to take exclusive possession of the house and those threats materialized a few weeks ago when they secured possession of the keys and triumphantly turned them on us and left us nothing but the Bible and a contiguous grove. Brother Wood "appealed unto Caesar" and Caesar told him to open the door and resume possession, which he did and now he is threatened with prosecution for felony. We await the issue with interest but not with fear. "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

On another occasion a G. B. elder, a joint member of the board of trustees of a union

house, drew up a resolution prohibiting our brethren from holding meetings in the house. His conferees, members of other denominations, refused to join in the effort and the thing aborted.

And yet these loving brethren are the sole repositories of the promises of the gospel, and representatives of a Savior of infinite love and mercy, and they do not cease to wonder why people cannot see, at a glance, the transcendent love liners of their spirit and the infallible orthodoxy of their traditions.

One sweet consolation remains to solace us in our struggles, and that is, the great body of those dear brethren and sisters are animated by gentle, loving hearts and they "love the brethren" regardless of the narrow limits of imaginary denominational lines. For this blessing we fervently "thank God and take courage."

We are greatly pleased and encouraged at the outlook for the Lord's cause in this section, and we will not abate a jot of our zeal and sacrifice to advance its interests on all the lines of the movement.

D. C. MOOMAW.

A Card of Thanks, Etc

It is with grateful acknowledgement that I hereby tender my most appreciative thanks to our brethren of the Maryland and Virginia conference, lately held at Bethlehem church, Va., for their resolution of sympathy for me in my sickness. One loves to live near the hearts of his brethren as well as all mankind and such expressions of sympathy are very touching, especially when we may sometimes feel that if we were to drop out of this life but few people would care. I feel also, without trying to appear egotistic, that I owe public acknowledgement to my neighbors and sisters for their kind expression of sympathy in having beautiful cut flowers almost daily in my room since last winter. The kind visits of our brethren and neighbors too make one feel glad that they have such. Several ministers of the M. E. church and two of the U. B. church, one of which, J. W. Howe, was presiding elder of this district some years past, and a number of our own brethren ministers made me pleasant visits, all for which I thank the Lord. I am glad to say that I am now able to take drives and hope soon to be restored to my usual health.

During my illness two persons whom I loved, one a dear uncle of mine, G. W. Copp, and the other my beloved father in-law, John H. Maphis, passed from this life to that above. My uncle was a charter member of the Brethren church and also a deacon. After the funeral service some days brother E. B. Shaver came to my home and said: "We have buried the best man in our church."

My wife's father was a devoted member and an officer in the M. E. church south for quite a number of years. He prayed for weeks for the Lord to take him and sent loving messages to me in my sickness. He